

## **CLAIMS**

1. A tape cartridge including a cartridge case having a tape exit opening portion formed by connecting an upper shell and a lower shell, a tape reel rotatably housed in said cartridge case, and a leader block connected to one end of a tape wound around said tape reel;
  - 5 said leader block having a block body, and a clamp member that is press-fit to a concave portion formed on a side surface portion of the block body and that nips the end of said tape with said block body;
  - 10 said tape cartridge characterized in that:
    - 15 said clamp member comprises:
      - 20 a base portion that is press-fit to said concave portion to form a part of the side surface portion of said block body;
      - 25 a pair of leg portions that are formed on inner surface sides of said base portion in the direction of the width of said tape; and
      - 30 nail portions that are formed on outer surface sides of said pair of leg portions and that are secured to securing grooves formed in side walls of said concave portion.
- 20 2. The tape cartridge as set forth in claim 1,
  - 25 wherein the length of said pair of leg portions is larger than the width of said tape.
- 25 3. The tape cartridge as set forth in claim 1,
  - 30 wherein concave grooves are formed on an inner surface side of said base portion in all the elongation region of said pair of leg portions.
- 30 4. The tape cartridge as set forth in claim 1,
  - 35 wherein a reinforcement rib is disposed on the inner surface side of said base portion.

5. The tape cartridge as set forth in claim 1,  
wherein said concave portion is formed in all the height direction  
of said leader block, and

5 portion of said block body, the restricting portion restricting being fit to  
said clamp member to restrict upper and lower movements of said clamp  
member.

10 6. The tape cartridge as set forth in claim 1,  
wherein a guide portion is disposed at an opening portion of said  
concave portion, the guide portion being brought into contact with a side  
end portion of said tape to align said tape and said block body.

15 7. The tape cartridge as set forth in claim 1,  
wherein said tape exits from a side of said leader block.